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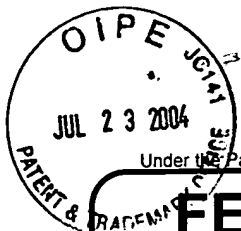
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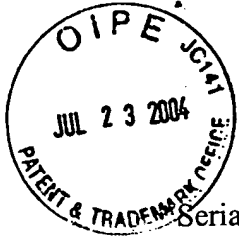
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Reply to Examiner's Answer under 37 CFR §1.193(b)(1)

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Sir:

This reply is in response to the Examiner's Answer filed pursuant to Paper No. 23, in the above subject matter.

The changes made in the Examiner's Answer are duly noted. However, no further response is deemed necessary and accordingly, the undersigned respectfully requests that the Reply to the Examiner's Answer under 37 CFR §1.193 received in the Patent Office on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2003 be considered a complete reply to not only the original Examiner's answer filed on July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2003 but also the subsequent corrected answer filed in response to Paper No. 23.

It is respectfully requested that the complete application now be forwarded to

the Board for a decision.

If the Examiner should have any questions with any matter of record,  
Appellant's attorney may be reached at (586) 739-7445.

Respectfully submitted,

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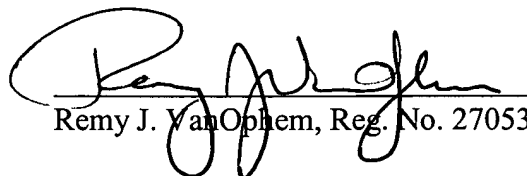
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